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Ion Exchange Membranes, Methods and Processes for

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this non-provisional utility patent application entitled Ion Exchange Membranes, Methods and Processes for Production Thereof and Uses in Specific Applications by Tejraj Aminabhavi et al., please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begins on page 3 of this paper.